



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 15, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky:

“On January 30, 2006, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Knabe as amended by Supervisor Yaroslavsky which, among other things, directed the County’s Sacramento Lobbyists to pursue sponsored legislation that: 1) requires immediate notification of the public health officer in the event of a sewage spill; 2) imposes fines on persons who fail to immediately notify the public health officer of a sewage spill; and 3) requires that at least one of the members of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board have a public health background. In response to that motion, AB 800 (Lieu, Brownley, Krekorian) was introduced to accomplish all three provisions as directed by the Board.

“Action by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials deleted the third provision which adds a public health member to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Without further action by this Board, the January 30, 2006, motion would require that the County change its position from ‘sponsor’ to ‘support and amend.’

“Given that the original action by the Board embraced the two provisions remaining in the bill, there is value for the County to remain as the sponsor of AB 800.”

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Yaroslavsky recommended that the Board:

1. Direct the County’s Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to remain as the sponsor of AB 800 as amended to include the requirements for immediate notification of the public health officer of sewage spills and the imposition of fines for failure to notify the Public Health Officer regarding sewage spills; and

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2. Continue to pursue all legislative options to enact the provision adding a public health member to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The intent of sponsoring AB 800 is to ensure that the notification of the public health officer is fast and efficient in the event of a sewage spill. I understand that the Chief Administrative Office is in discussion with various organizations representing recreational boaters. It is not our intent to harm recreational boaters.”

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a recommendation to also direct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento, County Counsel, Director of Public Health and the Auditor-Controller to work with representatives of the boating community to develop statutory language that ensures compliance without unduly burdening recreational boaters.

On motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to remain as the sponsor of AB 800 as amended to include the requirements for immediate notification of the public health officer of sewage spills and the imposition of fines for failure to notify the Public Health Officer regarding sewage spills; and to continue to pursue all legislative options to enact the provision adding a public health member to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; and
2. Directed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento, County Counsel, Director of Public Health and the Auditor-Controller to work with representatives of the boating community to develop statutory language that ensures compliance without unduly burdening recreational boaters.

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